



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

The City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

156

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: James M. Bourey, City Manager

☐ Ordinance / First Reading ☐ Ordinance / Second & Final Reading ☒ Resolution / First & Final Reading ☐ Information Only

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: MARCH 22, 2010

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GOOGLE FIBER INITIATIVE

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

Google, Inc. has issued a nationwide request for information to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks utilizing fiber technologies in a small number of trial locations across the country. The city of Greenville is in support of this initiative and would like to be one of the selected communities or 'the' selected community. Should the City be selected, the City will designate an individual to serve as a single point of contact to work with Google on this effort. The City is working with a consortium of private and public entities to provide a comprehensive response to Google. Should the City be selected and the project be completed as planned, the City will be in the forefront of attractions for future businesses and economic development as this will revolutionize the way the internet is perceived today. The deadline for submission is March 26th, 2010. Google will review all submitted requests over the upcoming year and either narrow down the choices for site visits, or award their selection.

IMPACT IF DENIED:

Google may elect to eliminate the City of Greenville as a prospective site to bring Google fiber into the City.

IMPACT IF APPROVED:

Google will have a strong understanding of the level of support and serious intentions of the City to bring their fiber initiative to our community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director

OMB Director

City Attorney

City Manager

(Certification of Availability of Funds)

A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Google, Inc. has issued a nationwide request for information to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks utilizing fiber technologies in a small number of trial locations across the country; and

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville is in support of this initiative and would like to be selected as one of the communities or 'the' community of choice; and

WHEREAS, the City is working with a consortium of private and public entities to provide a comprehensive response to Google's request for information; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission is March 26, 2010, and Google anticipates an announcement of the target community or target communities by the end of this calendar year; and

WHEREAS, should the City be selected and the project be completed as planned, the City will be in the forefront of attractions for future businesses and economic development as this will revolutionize the way the internet is perceived today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, that City Council supports the city of Greenville's initiative in submitting a comprehensive report to Goggle, Inc., for selection as a target community to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks utilizing fiber technologies. If the City is selected, City Council authorizes the City Manager to designate an individual to serve as a single point of contact to work with Google on this effort. The City will agree to work in cooperation with Google to assist in reducing or removing any obstacles that may unnecessarily prolong the processes.

RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK